



## A Time for Change, Not Business as Usual

During tough budget times, a CEO of a large corporation will examine where costs can be decreased while continuing to provide customer service and a quality product. As Governor, I continue to work to streamline state government and make it work better for the people it serves. This week, I am pleased to report the state has achieved another goal in that ongoing effort. With the final vehicle auction complete, \$1.6 million was brought back into the State General Fund.

I was confident that we would reach our initial goal of \$1.1 million, but am thrilled that it was exceeded by over a half-million dollars. Changing the way we operate and selling surplus state vehicles is a perfect example of how this administration is dedicated to making state government more effective and efficient. These savings can now be used for other vital services and programs that Kansans care about.

In November, I announced major changes in state vehicles usage. We estimated the total sale of state vehicles would generate \$1.1 million. The elimination of the Central Motor Pool's fleet and changing operations saves another \$4.5 million. Placing an immediate moratorium on the purchase of new vehicles saves yet another \$3 million. In total, by changing the way the state operates, purchases and uses state vehicles, an estimated \$8.6 million will be saved.

This is just one example of the type of savings that has been identified in my Administration. I believe we owe it to the Kansans we serve to be good stewards of their trust and fiscal responsibility. I will continue working to find savings and improvements in the way we do business that benefit the people across our State.